

DRAFT Minutes

Neighborhood Advisory Commission May 6, 2020



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Minutes of the Neighborhood Advisory Commission (NAC) held on Wednesday, May 6, 2020, Virtual Meeting #1 using Microsoft Teams Platform

(MEMBERS) Present: Hannah Moulton Belec, Doreen Garlid, Diane Harden, Jana Lynn Granillo, Stephanie Greenfield, Barb Harris, Kiyomi Kurooka, Melanie Larimer, Chris McCabe and Daniel Schugurensky.

(MEMBERS) Absent: Maureen Eastty, Carol Shixue Hu, Michael McLendon, Richelle Miller and Zoe Stein

City Staff Present: Ryan Levesque, Deputy Community Development Director-Planning, 480-858-2393, ryan_levesque@tempe.gov; Elizabeth Thomas, Neighborhood Services Specialist; Shauna Warner, Neighborhood Services Manager

Guests Present:
None.

Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chair Belec

Agenda Item 2 – Attendance Roll Call

Present: Hannah Moulton Belec, Doreen Garlid, Diane Harden, Jana Lynn Granillo, Stephanie Greenfield, Barb Harris, Kiyomi Kurooka, Melanie Larimer, Chris McCabe and Daniel Schugurensky.

Absent: Maureen Eastty, Carol Shixue Hu, Michael McLendon, Richelle Miller and Zoe Stein

Agenda Item 3 – Public Comment

None.

Agenda Item 4 – Consideration of Minutes: March 4, 2020

Chair Belec requested that the meeting minutes add Chuck Malpede prior to the second Neighbor of the Year motion so it clarifies and reads Chuck Malpede Neighbor of the Year.

Motion: Commissioner Garlid made a motion to approve the March 4, 2020 minutes with the one revision.

Second: Commissioner Harris

Result: *The motion passed with 10-0 vote*

Commission Member Ayes: Hannah Moulton Belec, Doreen Garlid, Diane Harden, Jana Lynn Granillo, Stephanie Greenfield, Barb Harris, Kiyomi Kurooka, Melanie Larimer, Chris McCabe and Daniel Schugurensky

Commission Members Absent: Maureen Eastty, Carol Shixue Hu, Michael McLendon, Richelle Miller and Zoe Stein

Commission Members Abstain: None

Agenda Item 5 – Possible Action on a Code Text Amendment for Medical Marijuana Amendment consisting of a change to the Code to eliminate the current maximum of 25,000 square-foot size restriction for medical marijuana cultivation facilities in Tempe

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Ryan Levesque explained that the application for the request came through one cultivator but any changes to the square-foot size restriction would apply to all cultivators, not just the applicant. Commissioners had a number of questions and comments.

Motion: Commissioner Larimer made a motion to support the Code Text Amendment for the Medical Marijuana Amendment as presented.

Second: Commissioner Harden

Result: The motion passed with 7 yeah votes, 2 no votes and 1 abstention

Commission Member Ayes: Hannah Moulton Belec, Diane Harden, Stephanie Greenfield, Barb Harris, Kiyomi Kurooka, Melanie Larimer and Daniel Schugurensky

Commission Member No: Doreen Garlid, Chris McCabe

Commission Members Absent: Maureen Eastty, Carol Shixue Hu, Michael McLendon, Richelle Miller and Zoe Stein

Commission Members Abstain: Jana Lynn Granillo

Agenda Item 6 – Covid-19 Update

Staff provided a brief update regarding city resources and information. (The April 22 Issue Review Session Memorandum regarding City of Tempe response to Coronavirus was also included in the meeting packet.) Commission members were in agreement that the term physical distancing was much preferred over the term social distancing and asked staff to pass this suggestion along to city communicators and messengers.

Led by Chair Belec, commission members each in turn shared their Covid-19 related experiences including some of the following silver linings, insights and suggestions:

- I'm grate for the city's Covid-19 updates. Thank you.
- Lots of offerings to be checked out including virtual Arts in the Parks and Parks and Rec class offerings
- Hard having public parks being closed, especially when you have no or limited back yard space.
- What might a phased opening look like?
- Important to support local businesses. How do you know which ones are open? (The app and the **Hownd** app were both mentioned.)
- I'm concerned where the homeless will go and that they be treated fairly.
- Hardships for children at home, loss of being with teachers, friends and community. Zoom calls are not the same.

- We are grieving.
- Check out the Bree Brown podcast with Dave Kessler – Unlocking Us
- Bike rides with family friends allow for connecting in person and physical distancing - the bikes help to create distance and remind little ones to stay apart.
- Loss. No prom or graduation or sports for our Seniors. All the little and big milestones are gone. Anxiety about permanent changes coming.
- Bright spot - a neighborhood Easter Egg Hunt with paper eggs and safe distancing
- Pride in neighborhoods and how neighbors are pulling together like The Collaborative where Myer Park, Rural Geneva and Hughes Acres Neighborhood Associations reached out to over 400 Seniors via postcards mailed out by Neighborhood Services to offer extra help and list resources for anyone needing a hand.
- Concern about activity in parks and size of groups playing soccer or exercising
- Need continual reminders in parks to play safe and practice physical distancing
- Helping Hands Community Resource – nationwide effort to connect folks needing help with volunteers for long term or single time assistance.
- I'm part of Tempe Mask Makers on Facebook. We are focusing on Tempe and have provided hundreds of free masks to anyone who needs them including Trader Joe's employees, Navajo Nation and Westchester.
- Realty business has thankfully not slowed.
- Good job but don't let up! Concern that people think it's over, traffic and activities are increasing and some are not paying attention to physical distancing. City of Tempe lead the charge. Significant campaign.
- Flyover was cool, neat, fabulous and inspirational! Another flyover out of Falcon Field on Friday was noted.
- Tempe Town Lake area crowded. Many are wearing masks and many are not.
- Need feel good projects, ideas for neighborhood leaders
- So many great things are happening. Traveling musicians, Food Truck Fridays and so much more. Share on an app or through city messaging or neighborhoods email to inspire and encourage others.
- We won't be back to normal. New normal.
- I hope for that.
- Need patience.
- City provide more CDC guidance on what is ok and what is not ok. Is a small gathering ok? Is dinner with parents ok? Myth busting stuff. Maybe pictures or a graphic that we can then post on Facebook or forward out to our contacts.
- Isolated
- My townhome/ high rise home is in close proximity to others
- Impromptu Neighborhood/carport Blue Grass music with safe physical distancing was really the best image of community.
- Share your skills and bring joy. Find meaning during this challenging time.

Agenda Item 7 – State of the Neighborhoods Update

Staff from several different work areas are collaborating to plan a virtual State of the Neighborhoods event which perhaps would combine video with Facebook live formatting. The morning of Saturday, June 27 is being considered for the event date but is not final yet. In advance of the virtual event date, staff is exploring the feasibility of a mug and award drive thru pick up opportunity like some of the local high schools have done for graduation caps/gown and yard signs. Staff and volunteers would be limited and physically distanced and all safety protocols including masks and gloves would be in place. State of the Neighborhoods mugs could be placed in vehicle trunks.

Any honorees who could not make the drive thru morning (currently considering Sat., June 6 or Sat., June 13) would have their awards dropped off to their home and would be encouraged to photograph or briefly video themselves with their award. These images could then be included in the event video. Staff is also discussing with Arts and Culture staff the possibility of including an art component, perhaps an easy take home project or encouragement to make something with materials most have at home like a ribbon with a word to bring to the drive thru site that could then be displayed in some manner. Event plans and details are needing to be fluid and responsive to any new guidance. NAC members will be kept updated and encouraged to participate to whatever degree and in whatever capacity they can.

Agenda Item 8 – Census 2020 Update

The Census Bureau temporarily suspended 2020 Census field data collection activities back in March. No door to door field data collection is taking place at this time. Deadlines have been extended due to Covid-19 related circumstances including ASU students not being here. South Tempe returns are good, the North Tempe is receiving some additional help and outreach including the use of direct mail and targeted social media posts.

Agenda Item 9 – Proposed Future Agenda Items

- Wastewater biomarkers
- Transition plans

Agenda Item 10 – Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

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Reviewed by: Shauna Warner